

Remarks

The pending claim include independent claims 1, 7, 9 and 15, and claims that depend directly or indirectly from one of these independent claims.

Claims 7, 9 and 15 were allowed in the official action of July 17, 2007. Allowable subject matter was indicated as to claims 5 and 12-14 if rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of respective base and intervening claims.

Claim 1 as now amended is claim 5 rewritten in independent form, including the subject matter of former base claim 1 and intervening claim 4. Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled. Claims 12-14 depend from claim 1 through claim 11. Claim 1 and the claims depending from claim 1 are allowable. All the pending independent claims are allowed or indicated to be allowable. All the dependent claims are allowable at least by virtue of dependence.

The number of claims remain within the number for which official fees have already been paid. A petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required official fee are submitted herewith.

Applicant has complied with the indication of allowable subject matter. No new issues are presented after final rejection requiring further consideration or search. It is unnecessary to comment on the propriety of the rejection over US 6,473,916 – Schiødt.

All official requirements are met. The application is in condition for allowance. Applicant requests formal allowance of claims 1-3 and 6-18.

Respectfully submitted,

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